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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes

Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

Javier D. Souto (10), Chairperson; Sally A. Heyman (4), Vice Chairperson;
Commissioners Bruno A. Barreiro (5), Betty T. Ferguson (1), Dennis C. Moss (9), and
Katy Sorenson (8)

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

2:00 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Bruno A. Barreiro, Betty T. Ferguson, Sally A. Heyman, Dennis C. Moss, Katy Sorenson, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

**RCA
Agenda Item No. 4 (A)**

1A ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff persons were present:
Alina Hudak, Assistant County Manager
Monica Maldonado, Assistant County Attorney
Doris Dickens, Sr. Commission Reporter
Cheryl Shamsid-Deen, Commission Reporter*

1B PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1B1 023468 Ordinance

Katy Sorenson,

Sally A. Heyman

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS TO HISTORIC RESOURCES; EXPANDING THE JURISDICTION REGARDING ARCHEOLOGY; ESTABLISHING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR MUNICIPAL REGULATION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION; ENACTING PROVISIONS REGARDING HISTORIC PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO UNSAFE STRUCTURES LAWS; CLARIFYING MEASURES THE COUNTY MAY REQUIRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ARCHEOLOGICAL ZONES AND SITES; REQUIRING PROPERTY OWNER ASSERTING AN ECONOMIC HARDSHIP TO PRODUCE CERTAIN INFORMATION; PROHIBITING DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT; REQUIRING MAINTENANCE OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL ENFORCEMENT; AMENDING OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 11B1]

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Sorenson

Seconder: Heyman

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Ferguson, Barreiro

Report: *There being no objection, the Committee considered the following proposed ordinance simultaneously with Agenda Item 4G, an accompanying County Manager's report.*

There being no persons present wishing to appear before the committee in connection with today's public hearing, Commissioner Sorenson commended Mr. Ivan Rodriguez for his initiatives in developing this proposed ordinance and for fostering a consensus among representatives of the various municipalities involved.

Commissioner Heyman spoke in support of the foregoing proposed ordinance, which she noted could be used as a catalyst to direct funds for structural repairs to historical buildings before the deterioration or damage was irreparable.

Assistant County Manager, Alina Hudak, acknowledged the support provided to the Historical Preservation Society by Assistant County Attorney Tom Logue and Chairman of the Board, Mr. McKinney, as well as other members of the Historical Preservation Society.

1B2 023436 Ordinance

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA (RELATED TO BOATS, DOCKS AND WATERWAYS); AMENDING SECTION 7-26 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A MOTORBOAT AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT EXCLUSION ZONE EXTENDING FROM THE BEAR CUT BRIDGE SOUTH AROUND THE BEAR CUT PRESERVE TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF CRANDON PARK LANDS ON THE ATLANTIC OCEAN SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Ferguson, Barreiro

Report: *Ms. Vivian Donnell Rodriguez, Director, Miami-Dade County Department of Park and Recreation explained the intent of the foregoing proposed ordinance. She noted it would establish a 1,000 foot zone from the shoreline to the boarder line, which would create a safe swimming area and promote conservation efforts to preserve the ecosystem.*

2 COUNTY COMMISSION**2A 030258 Resolution****Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE TRUST WITHIN THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR REVENUES GENERATED BY THE TROPICAL PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Withdrawn

SUB 2A 030399 Resolution

Sen. Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND WITHIN THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM FOR THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR REVENUES GENERATED BY THE TROPICAL PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Forwarded to BCC without a recommendation

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Sorenson

Vote: 5-0

Absent: Barreiro

Report: *As the sponsor of the foregoing proposed resolution, Chairperson Souto relinquished the Chair to Vice Chairperson Heyman. He noted the intent of the foregoing ordinance was to instruct the County Manager to establish a special revenue fund within the Park and Recreation Department's financial structure to deposit all revenues generated by the Tropical Park Equestrian Center.*

Commissioner Sorenson questioned the projected revenues that would be generated from the Tropical Park Equestrian Center on an annual basis.

Ms. Donnell Rodriguez stated the staff had not assessed the revenue profits to be generated by the center.

Following further comments by Commissioner Souto, committee members voted to forward the foregoing resolution to the Board of County Commissioners, without a recommendation.

2B 030249 Resolution

Natacha Seijas,

Rebeca Sosa

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RETROACTIVE WAIVER OF FEES FOR USE OF AMELIA EARHART PARK FOR HIALEAH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES' ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL WHICH WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 21 THRU MARCH 2, 2003

Forwarded to BCC without a recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Souto

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Commissioner Heyman expressed concern regarding the impact of fee waivers on departmental budgets. She questioned the amount of the fee waiver requested by the Chamber of Commerce.*

Ms. Donnell Rodriguez, Director, Miami-Dade County Department of Park and Recreation, noted the total amount of the fee waiver was \$25,000, which was equivalent to fees charged for similar special events. She responded to questions and comments from Commissioner Heyman regarding the impact of this proposal on the departmental budget.

Commissioner Sorenson spoke in opposition to the foregoing proposed resolution. She expressed concern that fee waivers significantly reduced the amount of funding available for parks services and programs. Commissioner Sorenson suggested commissioners allocate monies from their District Commission Office Budget Fund for special events of this nature.

Commissioner Ferguson spoke in opposition to the foregoing proposed resolution. She expressed concern that fee waivers could deplete funding for parks services should not be approved when they are imposed on after-school programs in public parks. She asked staff to take immediate steps to eliminate fees imposed for after-school programs in County parks. Commissioner Ferguson reiterated her concern that the children of this community were roaming the streets because parents could not afford to enroll them in after-school programs available at public parks.

Chairperson Souto concurred with Commissioner Ferguson. He pointed out that fee waivers could be considered as a funding source for public parks, the fees were not significant enough to fund the provision of parks services and programs. He suggested members of the (Recreation and Cultural Affairs) committee engage in efforts to identify a funding mechanism for public parks and

to involve the private sector community those efforts.

Commissioner Heyman expressed concern that the sponsors of the foregoing proposed resolution were unavailable to respond to questions and concerns from committee members. She noted she previously requested that proposed budgets be submitted along with future requests for fee waivers; including a breakdown of the total amount of fees waived and matching funds allocated by other municipalities. She also asked these budgets include a breakdown of expenditures and revenue gains and the benefactor(s) of any profits.

Commissioner Sorenson concurred with Commissioner Heyman, and was delighted that one of her colleagues was voicing opposition to fee waivers that ultimately reduced the level of services and programs provided in parks. She suggested that funding be allocated by the respective commissioner(s) office budget funds to subsidized similar events/activities, rather than submitting requests for fee waivers.

Commissioner Moss spoke in support of the foregoing proposed resolution. He noted he would continue to support fee waivers for special events/activities that benefit the citizens of this community, notwithstanding the concerns previously raised by Commissioners Sorenson and Heyman regarding the impact on departmental budgets.

Commissioner Moss responded to previous comments from his colleagues that the sponsors of proposals were unavailable to answer questions today and at previous committee meetings. He pointed out that sponsor(s) of proposals before committees should not be expected to attend each committee meeting because they were involved in other activities throughout the community in addition to their jobs. He noted this consideration was recognized during the design of the existing committee structure.

Following further comments by Ms. Donnell Rodriguez, it was moved by Commissioner Moss that the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners. This motion was seconded by Chairperson Souto.

Assistant County Manager Alina Hudak noted that budget priorities would be discussed at the March

2D	030371	Resolution	Joe A. Martinez	
		RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF EQUIPMENT RENTAL, DELIVERY, AND ASSEMBLY FEES FOR MARCH 1, 2003 HISPANIC TRANSIT SOCIETY ANNUAL PICNIC AT TROPICAL PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,016.00		<i>Withdrawn</i>

SUB 2D 030401	Resolution	Joe A. Martinez	
	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF FEES FOR THE HISPANIC TRANSIT SOCIETY'S ANNUAL PICNIC TO BE HELD ON MARCH 1, 2003 AT TROPICAL PARK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,075.00		<i>Forwarded to BCC without a recommendation</i> <i>Mover: Moss</i> <i>Seconder: Sorenson</i> <i>Vote: 6-0</i>

3 DEPARTMENT

3A	030206	<p>Resolution</p> <p>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT AT 4284-88 S.W. 152 AVENUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA WITH THE MEADOWS SHOPPING CENTER, LLC., A FLORIDA CORPORATION, FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM AS A MINI-LIBRARY; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)</p>	<p><i>Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation</i></p> <p><i>Mover: Moss</i></p> <p><i>Seconder: Heyman</i></p> <p><i>Vote: 6-0</i></p>
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Report: *Mr. Raymond Santiago, Director, Miami-Dade Public Library, spoke in support of the foregoing proposed resolution. He noted the mini-library at the Meadows Shopping Center would open in July 2003 and this proposed resolution involved the third lease agreement for the expansion of library facilities.*

3B	030261	<p>Resolution</p> <p>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING LIBRARY DAY IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, AND THE TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. (Library Department)</p>	<p><i>Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation</i></p> <p><i>Mover: Moss</i></p> <p><i>Second: Sorenson</i></p> <p><i>Vote: 6-0</i></p>
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- 3C **030269 Resolution**
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COALITION TO IMPROVE NORTH DADE, INC. FOR COMPLETION OF A NEW RECREATION/CLUBHOUSE BUILDING AT NORTH DADE OPTIMIST PARK (Park & Recreation Department)
Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Heyman
Seconder: Moss
Vote: 6-0
- 3D **030265 Resolution**
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO SUBMIT TWO PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DIVISION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES; AUTHORIZING COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS, AND EXECUTE ANY CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED; AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN ASSURANCES BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DIVISION OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES (Library Department)
Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Heyman
Vote: 6-0
- 3E **030001 Resolution**
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF MIAMI LAKES PARK TO THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF COUNTY DEED AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO GOVERN MIAMI LAKES' USE OF THE PARK (Park & Recreation Department)
Withdrawn

SUB 3E 030388 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF MIAMI LAKES PARK TO THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF COUNTY DEED AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO GOVERN MIAMI LAKES' USE OF THE PARK (Park & Recreation Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Souto

Vote: 6-0

Report: *Ms. Donnell Rodriguez noted the Miami Lakes Incorporation agreement included a stipulation that the Miami Lakes Park (a County-owned park) be transferred to the Town of Miami Lakes. She noted the Park and Recreation Department had operated and maintained the park since the incorporation of the Miami Lakes, and had been reimbursed by the Town for those cost.*

Following further explanation from Ms. Donnell Rodriguez, Commissioner Moss questioned whether the Town of Miami Lakes would hire its own staff.

Chairperson Souto inquired whether as a part of the agreement, the Town of Miami lakes would be required to retain County staff employed at the park as a part of the agreement.

Ms. Donnell Rodriguez explained that Miami Lakes would not be required to retain County employees. She also explained that these employees would be transferred to other vacancies within the County.

Chairperson Souto and Commissioner Ferguson requested a report tracking the status of County employees working at public parks that were subsequently transferred to other municipalities. Commissioner Ferguson asked that this report also indicated whether county employees were retained by the recipient municipality or transferred to other positions within the County.

Commissioner Barreiro inquired whether the County would continue to maintain parks transferred to other municipalities as public facilities, after the incorporation of those municipalities.

Commissioner Ferguson suggested County staff continue to operate parks transferred to other municipalities as public facilities, provided the officials of those municipalities did not object.

Ms. Donnell Rodriguez explained that staff would continue to provide landscaping and maintenance, but it appeared that municipalities once incorporated would generally handle the programming.

Commissioner Sorenson suggested that the County continue to convey parks transferred over to new municipalities, and that a transition period be provided to them to assume this responsibility. She suggested that new municipalities should eventually assume full responsibility for the local maintenance and operations of parks, and the County should no longer subsidize them.

4 REPORTS

4A 030332 **Special Presentation** **Sen. Javier D. Souto**
ORAL REPORT RE: COME RIDE WITH US - TROPICAL *Report Received*
EQUESTRIAN CENTER

Report: *Ms. Donnell Rodriguez, Director, Miami-Dade County Department of Park and Recreation, noted this video would be used to promote the Equestrian Center and that approximately 40 shows were booked at the center last years.*

4B 030373 **Report** **Sen. Javier D. Souto**
ORAL REPORT RE: EQUESTRIAN CENTER *Report Received*
IMPROVEMENT FOR THE UP COMING WINTER
DRESSAGE COMPETITION

Report: *See report under Agenda Item 4A.*

4C	030374	Report	Sen. Javier D. Souto
		ORAL REPORT RE: BREAKFAST WITH CHAMPIONS	<i>Report Received</i>

Report: *Chairperson Souto stated that the "Breakfast with Champions" was an agenda item he wanted to revisit. He indicated this was an event that hosted famous basketball and football players and it had been held at different places sponsored by community businesses, but currently it was held at the Youth Fair. He stated it had been intended to return to its past practice.*

Ms. Donnell Rodriguez stated her staff had been working on gathering information regarding this event and would inform Chairperson Souto of their findings.

4D	030081	Report	Sen. Javier D. Souto	
		ORAL REPORT RE: THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROJECTS AT UMSA PARKS (Park & Recreation Department)		<i>Not presented</i>

4E	030129	Report	Sen. Javier D. Souto	
		CAROL CITY COMMUNITY CENTER STATUS REPORT		<i>Withdrawn</i>

SUB 4E 030402 **Report**
CAROL CITY COMMUNITY CENTER STATUS REPORT *Not presented*

Report: *Commissioner Ferguson questioned rather the Carol City Community Center was considered a regional facility.*

Ms. Donnell Rodriguez explained that both the Carol City Community Center and Carol City Park were transferred as a part of the Miami Lakes Incorporation agreement.

4F	030339	<p>Report</p> <p>SUNSET REVIEW OF THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE</p>	<p><i>Report Received</i></p> <p><i>Mover: Heyman</i></p> <p><i>Second: Souto</i></p> <p><i>Vote: 6-0</i></p>
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4G	030336	Report REPORT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 6A] (County Manager)	<i>Report Received</i>
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Report: *See report under Agenda Item 1B1.*

4H	030223	Report	
		SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2003	<i>Report Received</i>
		PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TRUST	<i>Mover: Heyman</i>
			<i>Second: Souto</i>
			<i>Vote: 6-0</i>

41	030226	Report SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2003 - MIAMI METROZOO OVERSIGHT BOARD	<i>Report Received</i> <i>Mover: Heyman</i> <i>Seconder: Souto</i> <i>Vote: 6-0</i>
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4J	030228	Report	
		SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2003 - TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL	<i>Report Received</i> <i>Mover: Heyman</i> <i>Seconder: Souto</i> <i>Vote: 6-0</i>

4K	030235	Report SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2003 - PARK AND RECREATION CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE	<i>Report Received</i> <i>Mover: Heyman</i> <i>Seconder: Souto</i> <i>Vote: 6-0</i>
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4L	030238	Report	
		SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2003 - CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL	<i>Report Received</i> <i>Mover: Heyman</i> <i>Seconder: Souto</i> <i>Vote: 6-0</i>

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4M 030338 **Report**

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2003 -
KENDALE LAKES LANDSCAPE SPECIAL TAXING
DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Report Received

Mover: Heyman

Seconder: Souto

Vote: 6-0

5 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the
Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee, the
meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.*